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Unfortunately, there are many gaps in children's literature in relation to aging. Elder heroes, role models, workers, leaders, famous older people, planning for old age and similarities beyond young are essentially missing. When elders are portrayed they are most often in the role of a grandparent. Many portrayals of older adults are stereotypic in nature. Many children's books have no older characters in them.

To assist in locating and ordering book only books-in-print have been listed. When two book prices are listed, the first price is for the hardbound edition and the second for the paperback edition. Unfortunately, many children's books quickly go out-of-print, and a short booklist of some favorite OOPS (out-of-print stories) is given. We need to work with authors and publishers to keep excellent stories, such as those on the OOPS list, in print.

All books should be reviewed for appropriateness prior to use. If the reading level of a book is beyond that of the child you can "talk through" the story. Having an elder read the book to the child can be a great experience. Who better to talk about growing up and growing older than an elder. Whether the children read the books themselves, or have the books read to them, the stories can stimulate interesting discussions. Use the books to help children think in terms of "lifespan" activities and see their "elder within".*

It is hoped that both adults and children will enjoy the books listed, and that the books will make a significant contribution to promoting positive attitudes about aging with children. Some of the author's favorite in print books are given at the end of the booklist. Aging education units have to accompany the booklist are available through the National Academy for Teaching and Learning About Aging (NATLA) at the University of North Texas (http://www.unt.edu/natla). A form to use for analyzing children's books for ageism is included at the back of the booklist. Please contact the author: Dr. Sandra L. McGuire, Associate Professor, College of Nursing, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996, phone: (865) 974-7589 or 966-8832 with questions.

*Elder within is a term used by Ken Dychtwald and Joe Fowler in their book Age Wave (1990). New York: Bantam Books.

Book List

Ackerman, Karen (1988). ***Song and Dance Man***
Knopf (PS-2: Picture Book) $15.00
[ISBN: 0-394-89330-1]

Up in the attic grandfather shows the grandchildren a trunk full of mementos from his vaudeville days. Grandfather sings and dances, they all dress up and put on a show. A good time is had by all. This book portrays elders as fun, active and interesting. [Caldecott Medal Award]

Alexander, Martha (1992). ***Where Does the Sky End, Grandpa?***
Harcourt Brace Juvenile Books (PS-3: Picture Book) $12.95
[ISBN: 0-15-295603-4]

A young grandchild walks with his grandpa and asks him many fascinating questions. Illustrates a knowledgeable and sensitive grandfather.

Anderson, Lena (1989). ***Stina***
Greenwillow (K-3: Illustrated) $13.95
[ISBN 0-688-08880-5]

Every summer Stina visits her grandfather in his house by the sea. Each day they get up early, check grandfather's fishing nets, cook meals and do enjoyable things together. One night a storm comes and grandfather helps Stina to understand and learn from the storm. Portrays elders as intelligent and capable. Shows old and young enjoying each other and learning from each other.

Baker, Sanna (1995). ***Grandpa is a Flyer***
Albert Whitman (K-3: Illustrated) $15.95
[ISBN 0-8075-3033-6]

When Anna goes to visit her grandparents her mother and grandmother drink coffee together while Anna's grandfather takes her flying. The story follows the grandfather's life from a young boy who dreamed of flying to becoming a flyer himself. Grandpa has his own plane. He tells Anna that one day she may be a flyer too. Illustrates shared interests between generations, life planning and a close intergenerational relationship.

Barsotti, Joan (1996). **Christopher and Grandma on Safari**
Barsotti Publishing Company (K-3: Illustrated) $6.95
[ISBN 0-9642112-2-X]

Safaris are a great adventure and Christopher and go on a safari in Africa. They live in tents and have Masai guides. Christopher has a Masai friend called Moses and together they search for the rare brown giraffe. The story has good multicultural content. Shows an active grandmother, lifelong adventure and exciting intergenerational activities.

Berenstain, Stan & Jan (1986). ***The Berenstain Bears and the Week at Grandma's***
Random House (PS-2: First Time Books) $3.25
[ISBN 0-394-87335-1]

When brother and sister bear find out that they are going to spend a week with their grandparents they wonder what they will do, then end up having a really wonderful time. This book can be used to help show children that older people can be fun to be with and have much in common with children.

Blomberg, Dianne (1999). ***Sam and Gram and the First Day of School***
Magination Press (PS-2: Picture Book) $14.95
[ISBN 1-55798-562-6]

This book was designed to help parents prepare their child to start school. It is gram who walks Sam to school on his first day. Gram tells Sam "I think this is going to be a fun day". When Sam returns home from school it is Gram that is there with pretzels and lemonade. Sam and Gram talk about the first day at school and Sam says "I just decided that I had a great day today!" The back of the book has a "Things to Do" list for parents to help prepare the child for school. The grandmother in the book is wise, caring and an active part of the family.

Blos, Joan (1994). ***The Grandpa Days***
Simon & Schuster Childrens (PS-1: Picture Book) $8.95
[ISBN 0-671-88244-9]

Philip's grandfather makes wonderful things out of wood with his carpenter tools. He shows Philip how to use each tool, teaches him about different kinds of wood, and together they build a sled. The grandfather is capable, skillful and knowledgeable. Illustrates shared interests and an enjoyable relationship.

Bond, Ruskin (1996). ***Cherry Tree***
Boyd Mills Press (PS-3: Picture Book) $7.95
[ISBN 1-56397-621-8]

Rakhi lives in the Himalayan foothills of India with her grandfather. She likes to buy cherries at the bazaar. Grandfather suggests that she plant one of the cherry seeds in his garden. We watch the tree and Rakhi grow older together. One year the tree is full of beautiful blossoms and Rakhi is now a young woman. She and her grandfather sit in the silence of the evening under the tree and watch the stars come out. Rakhi comments on how the tree has changed from a small seed into a beautiful tree. "Just like you," her grandfather replied. This story portrays a loving intergenerational relationship, illustrates growing up and growing older and aging as a natural and lifelong process.

Booth, Barbara (1991). ***Mandy***
Lothrop (2-3: Illustrated) $16.00
[ISBN 0-688-10338-3]

Mandy is a young girl who is deaf. Grandmother uses sign language to communicate with her. Mandy and her grandmother do many things together including baking, dancing and taking walks. When grandmother's cherished silver pin is lost Mandy finds it for her. Portrays an active, capable grandmother and a reciprocal relationship of loving and caring.

Brumbeau, Jeff (2000). ***The Quilt Makers Gift***
Pfeifer-Hamilton (2-3: Illustrated) $17.95
[ISBN 1-57025-199-1]

A generous quilt maker sews the most beautiful quilts in the world and then gives them away to those in need. A greedy king wants one of her quilts but she will not give him one because he does not need it. She tells the king that when he has given away all of his riches she will make him a quilt. The beautiful illustrations help the story to unfold. Children find it interesting to see how the king finally obtains his quilt. The generosity and kindness of the elder quiltmaker are good lessons for children. An enjoyable story with an active and capable elder.

Bryan, Ashley (1989). ***Turtle Knows Your Name***
Atheneum Books (PS-3: Illustrated) $14.95
[ISBN 0-689-31578-3]

Upsilimana Tumpalerado lives with his grandmother in the West Indies. His grandmother challenges him to find out her real name, and he succeeds. The grandmother is portrayed as capable and a contributing member of society. The story is based on West Indian folklore.

Bunting, Eve (1989). ***The Wednesday Surprise***
Clarion Books (K-3: Illustrated) $5.95
[ISBN 0-395-54776-8]

Grandma stays with Eve on Wednesday night when her mom works late and her dat is at basketball practice with her brother. During their Wednesday times Eve and grandma plan a special surprise for dad's birthday. The birthday surprise is that Eve teaches grandma to read. Portrays the grandmother as an integral member of the family and illustrates lifelong learning and intergenerational learning.

Bunting, Eve (1999). ***Butterfly House***
Scholastic Press (1-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-590-84884-4]

A little girl saves a tiny caterpillar from being eaten by a blue jay and her grandfather helps her make a butterfly house to keep it safe. The caterpillar transforms into a beautiful butterfly and is set free. The years pass, the girl is now as old as her grandfather was when they found the caterpillar, and something "amazing" happens to her each spring. Each spring beautiful butterflies come to her garden. Her neighbors find this a mystery, but to her it is no mystery. To her the butterflies are saying "This is the girl, but older now. We visit her each spring to give her back the love she gave to us so long ago." Illustrates growing up and growing older, aging as a natural and lifelong process.

Butterworth, Nick (1992). ***My Grandma is Wonderful***
Candlewick Press (PS-1: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 1-56402-100-9]

A large-print story told by a child about a wonderful grandmother. Grandmother knows all about nature and always seems to have whatever you need. Grandmother is portrayed as active, sensitive and capable.

Butterworth, Nick (1992). ***My Grandpa is Amazing***
Candlewick Press (PS-1: Large Print Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 1-56402-099-1]

A story told by a child about an amazing grandfather. Grandpa makes flower arrangements, dances, and has a great motorcycle. He is a lot of fun, and portrayed in nontraditional activities. Shows elders as interesting and active.

Carney, Margaret (1997). ***At Grandpa's Sugar Bush***
Kids Can Press (K-3: Illustrated) $15.95
[ISBN 1-55074-341-4]

During his spring break from school a young boy enjoys going to visit his grandfather and help with the maple syrup harvest. They work together tapping the trees, collecting the sap and making syrup. Grandfather teaches the boy many things about the forest and about syrup making. Grandfather is active and works on his farm.

Caseley, Judith (1991). ***Dear Annie***
Greenwillow (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.93/$4.95
[ISBN 0-688-10010-4/ISBN 0-688-13575-7]

Grandpa has been Annie's pen pal since the day she was born. Annie saves the cards and letters grandpa sends, and one takes all the cards to share at school for Show-and-Tell. This is a delightful book that encourages readers to become pen pals with an elder.

Caseley, Judith (1990). ***Grandpa's Garden Lunch***
Greenwillow (PS-2: Picture Book) $12.95
[ISBN 0-688-08816-3]

Grandpa likes to work in his garden and Sarah likes to help. One day grandma invites Sarah to a special lunch--one that has come from things in the garden. Grandpa and grandma are portrayed as independent, active and capable. Shows old and young enjoying each other and doing things together.

Cech, John (1998). ***My Grandmother's Journey***
Simon and Schuster Childrens (PS-3: Illustrated) $5.99
[ISBN 0-689-81890-4]

This story is based on the real life adventures of Feodosia Belevtsov who survived the Russian Revolution and World War II. After the war she came to America with her family. The reader is introduced to Feodosia as a young girl and travels with her to the present as she tells her life story to her granddaughter. The text introduces the reader to interesting events in history, illustrates family history and oral history, and shows aging as a natural and lifelong process.

Chocolate, Debbi (1998). ***The Piano Man***
Walker and Company (K-3: Illustrated) $6.95
[ISBN 0-14-050539-3]

A story about a young African-American girl and her grandfather and their shared love of music. Grandfather's life history from a young man to the present is told. He played piano for the silent movies, vaudeville and ragtime and share his stories and history with his granddaughter. A story about shared interests, growing up and growing older, family history and oral history. An active and capable elder who is an integral part of his family

Crews, Donald (1991). ***Bigmama's***
Greenwillow (PS-2: Picture Book) $16.00/$3.95
[ISBN 0-688-09950-5/ISBN 0-685-64817-6]

Crews tells the story of childhood visits to his grandmother "Bigmama." Every summer this black family traveled to see grandparents and relatives in the country. These visits were greatly enjoyed. This is a beautifully illustrated story of family relations, activities and treasured memories. The grandparents are valued, loved, and contributing members of the family.

DeGross, Monalisa (1999). ***Grandaddy's Street Songs***
Hyperion Books for Children (1-3: Illustrated) $14.99
[ISBN 078680160-3]

Roddy is an African-American boy. He loves to bring out the old family photo album and listen t grandaddy tell stories about his days as an arabber. Arabbers were fruit and vegetable street vendors in days gone by. Grandaddy was an arabber in Baltimore and he would take his horse and wagon on the cobblestone streets and sing out calls to his customers to get their attention. Some of his calls are given in the book. Illustrates family history, oral history, and an interesting part of American history. A sharing and caring intergenerational relationship.

Delgado, Maria (1996). ***Chave's Memories***
Pinata Books (K-3: Illustrated) $14.95
[ISBN 1-55885-084-8]

This is a bilingual book written in English and Spanish. Chave is a young girl who loves visiting her grandparent's ranch in Mexico. Her grandparents maintain the ranch and grandma has a plant and flower garden. Although there is little interaction with the grandparents in the book it is a good multicultural story illustrating active elders who are a respected and integral part of the family.

Demas, Corrine (2000). ***The Disappearing Island***
Simon and Schuster (K-3: Illustrated) $16.00
[ISBN 0-689-80539-X]

For her 9th birthday Carrie's grandmother takes her to Billingsgate island. Through the beauty and power of naure, the island is only visible at low tide. They travel out to the island on grandmother's boat, Aphrodite. On the island they find shells and a piece of the old lighthouse. Grandmother talks to Carrie about the fishing community that once lived on the island. They have lunch and spend an enjoyable time together. Capable, knowledgable and energetic grandmother.

De Paola, Tomie (1978). ***Pancakes for Breakfast***
Harcourt Brace Juvenile Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $14.95/$5.00
[ISBN 0-15-259455-8/ISBN 0-15-670768-3]

An older women attempts to have pancakes for breakfast and is hindered by a scarcity of supplies and her pets. There are no words in this story. Young readrs can easily follow the pictures, and can help to make up the story. The pictures portray the older woman as active, flexible and resourceful.

Dorros, Arthur (1991). ***Abuela***
Dutton/Penguin (PS-2: Picture Book) $15.99/$4.99
[ISBN 0-525-44750-4/ISBN 0-14-056226-5]

Abuela means grandma in Spanish and Spanish words are integrated throughout the text. While taking a bus ride with her grandmother a young girl imagines that they are taken up into the sky to see a number of sights over New York City. Bright, colorful illustrations that children find quite fascinating. Shows old and young enjoying each other.

Douglass, Barbara (1989). ***Good as New***
Mulberry/Morrow (PS-3: Picture Book) $3.95
[ISBN 0-688-08739-6]

Grady's grandfather is known for his ability to fix just about anything. When a young cousin ruins Grady's prize teddy bear, grandfather does a wonderful job of fixing it. He takes it apart, sews it back together and fixes it "good as new!" Portrays the grandfather as intelligent, creative, and sensitive to the needs of the child. The grandfather does some nontraditional activities (e.g., sewing) and conveys a loving and positive intergenerational relationship.

Dunbar, James (1999). ***When I Was Young***
Carolrhoda Books (PS-1: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 1-57505-357-4]

Seven year old Josh learns about family history from his grandmother and the family photo album. Grandma tells about her life as a young girl, her grandparents and great-grandparents. An interesting story for children to see how things used to be. Good examples of family history and oral history. Children can be encouraged to explore their own family histories. Useful information in the back of the book talks about what life was life from the 1690s to present.

Ford, Juwanda (1996). ***Kenya's Family Reunion***
Scholastic (PS-3: Picture Book) $2.99
[ISBN 0-590-53736-9

Kenya is excited about the annual family reunion at her grandfather's farmhouse. Grandfather built the farmhouse and this year the farmhouse will be 50 years old. Kenya and her family have a special surprise for grandpa–they made a miniature of the farmhouse and barn for grandpa. Illustrates a loving, caring family and an active, productive grandparent.

Gilman, Phoebe (1992). ***Something From Nothing***
Scholastic (PS-3: Illustrated) $15.95
[ISBN 0-590-47280-1]

The story is an adaptation of a Jewish folktale. When Joseph was born his grandfather, who is a tailor, makes him a blanket. The blanket has a long and delightful history. As Joseph grows older it becomes worn and frazzled and his mother wants to throw it out, but Joseph says "grandpa can fix it." Grandpa makes the worn out blanket into a jacket for Joseph. As the years go by the jacket becomes too small so grandpa makes it into a vest. Later the vest is transformed by grandpa into a Sabbath tie, then a handkerchief and finally a button. When Joseph loses the button there is nothing left of the blanket. Joseph now makes "something from nothing" by writing a story about the blanket. Grandfather is working, creative and an integral part of the family and community. A truly delightful book with wonderful illustrations.

Glaser, Linda (1997). ***The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes***
Whitman (K-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-8075-0841-1]

On the first night of Hanukkah there are only three potatoes left and more potatoes are need to make latkes. Rachel decides to borrow potatoes from her elderly neighbor, Mrs. Greenburg and has wants Mrs. Greenburg to participate in the family's Hanukkah celebration. An intergenerational story of caring and sharing.

Goldman, Susan (1976). ***Grandma Is Somebody Special***
Albert Whitman (PS-2: Picture Book) $10.95
[ISBN 0-8075-3034-4]

A young girl enjoys visiting her grandmother in a tall apartment building in a big city. The grandmother demonstrates a wide range of behaviors--she works, goes to school, buys cookies at the bakery, and does some very interesting things with her granddaughter. The special things that the two do together make this a very enjoyable book.

Gray, Libba Moore (1993). ***Miss Tizzy***
Simon & Schuster (1-3: Picture Book) $15.00/$5.99
[ISBN 0-671-77590-1/ISBN 0-689-81897-1]

Miss Tizzy is loved by all the children in the neighborhood. They love her and her colorful house and clothes. She bakes with them, lets them pick flowers, puts on puppet shows, plays her bagpipes, leads them in parades, plays dress-up, roller skates and sings songs. Everyone wants to have someone like Miss Tizzy in their neighborhood. Everyone wants to be like Miss Tizzy when they are older. Illustrates older people as active members of their communities.

Greenfield, Eloise (1988/1996). ***Grandpa's Face***
Putnam (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.95/$5.99
[ISBN 0-399-21525-5/ISBN 0-698-11381-0]

Tamika is a young black girl who loves her grandfather very much. She especially enjoys spending time with him and loves his stories and their long "talk-walks". One day Tamika sees her grandfather practicing a mean face for a play. She learns that, despite her grandfather's many faces, his feelings for her will never change, and his love is something that she can always depend on. This picture book illustrates shared emotions, depicts the grandfather as healthy, active and vibrant, and illustrates a loving, caring relationship between grandchild and grandparent.

Griffith, Helen (1987). ***Granddaddy's Place***
Greenwillow (1-3: Picture Book) $15.95/$4.95
[ISBN 0-688-06254-7/ISBN 0-688-10491-6]

Janetta is a "city girl," and her first visit to her grandfather's farm was one of mixed emotions. At first she was not sure that she liked her granddaddy, his farm or the animals. She didn't like the wasp's nest under the roof, or the chickens that made scary noises, the mean-looking cat or the "giant" mule. As grandfather tells her stories and takes her fishing she learns to love and understand the farm, the animals and her grandfather.

Griffith, Helen (1995). ***Grandaddy's Stars***
Greenwillow (1-3: Illustrated) $15.00
[ISBN 0-688-13654-0]

Grandaddy leaves his Georgia farm with his mule and chickens to come visit Janetta in the city. Janetta had made a list of important things to show him and grandaddy loved all of them. Grandaddy showed Janetta something that they both shared, even when they were apart, the stars in the sky. After grandaddy leaves he and Janetta look at the stars and it is like they are still together. Illustrates shared interests and a loving, caring relationship between grandparent and grandchild.

Guback, Georgia (1994). ***Luka's Quilt***
Greenwillow (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.00
[ISBN 0-688-12154-3]

Luka's grandmother "tutu" makes a quilt for Luka. Luka has envisioned a quilt of many bright colors and is disappointed when the quilt only has green and white colors in it. When Luka and tutu attend a Lei Day celebration Luka begins to appreciate the traditional Hawaiian quilt design. A good intergenerational story interlaced with culture and tradition.

Henkes, Kevin (1986). ***Grandpa & Bo***
Greenwillow (PS-3: Picture Book) $16.00
[ISBN 0-688-04956-7]

When Bo spent the summer with grandpa they played ball, worked in the garden, went fishing, listened to grandpa's old records, made a willow basket, went on walks, and told stories. Bo and grandpa are a loving pair who enjoy each other, learn from each other, and do things for each other. Elder is portrayed as active and capable.

Hennessy, B. G. (1991). ***When You Were Just a Little Girl***
Puffin (PS-3: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 0-14-054172-1]

A granddaughter asks her grandmother to tell her about life when she was a little girl. Children can be encouraged to ask older family members and friends the same thing. Helps to instill a sense of history and family history.

Hest, Amy (1992). ***The Purple Coat***
Simon and Schuster Childrens (1-3: Picture Book) $4.95
[ISBN 0-689-71634-6]

Every autumn Gabrielle gets a new navy blue coat with gold buttons. She and her mother take the train to New York to grandpa's tailor shop where grandpa makes her the new coat. This year Gabrielle wants a purple coat, but her mother still wants her to have a blue one. Grandfather ingeniously solves the problem by making a reversible coat and telling Gabrielle and her mother that "sometimes it is good to try something new". Shows an older adult as employed, creative and caring.

Hest, Amy (1993). ***Nana's Birthday Party***
Morrow Junior Books (1-3: Illustrated) $16.00
[ISBN 0-688-07497-9]

Nana lives in New York city and Maggie enjoys visiting her with her cousins. Every year Nana puts on a birthday party for herself with the same rules tacked to the door: no jeans; no gum; no presents, except for the ones you make yourself; no fighting and no whining. Maggie and her cousin Brette plan presents for Nana. They enjoy the family photos that Nana shares with them. "Remember," Nana says, "every picture tells a story." Good opportunity for discussion of family history. Active grandmother who is an integral part of the family.

Hest, Amy (1998). ***Gabby Growing Up***
Simon and Schuster Childrens (1-3: Picture Book) $16.00
[ISBN 0-689-80573-X]

It is grandpa's birthday and that means a trip to the city for Gabby and her mother. On the way they shop, have lunch and Gabby gets a new haircut. They meet grandpa and go ice skating. Gabby gives grandpa the bright orange mittens that she knit for his birthday. Gabby and grandpa dance together on the ice. Mother and the skaters have a surprise birthday cake for grandpa and everyone sings happy birthday to him. Portrays and active, caring grandfather.

High, Linda (1998). ***Beekeepers***
Boyd Mills Press (K-3: Picture Book) $14.95
[ISBN 1-56397-486-X]

Grandfather is a beekeeper and a young granddaughter helps him tend his beehives. They enjoy working together. Grandfather is depicted as active. Good intergenerational activities.

Hines, Anna (1990). ***Grandma Gets Grumpy***
Clarion Books (PS-1: Picture Book) $5.95
[ISBN 0-395-52595-0]

Lassen and her cousins spend the night at grandmother's house. Grandma has a box full of toys and a drawer full of clothes for them to play with. When the cousins get a little wild "grandma gets grumpy". The book ends with the children knowing that even though grandma got grumpy she loves them. Most children would agree they would get grumpy like grandma did. This book can be used to help show children how old and young are similar and share the same types of feelings.

Hines, Anna (1997). ***Miss Emma's Wild Garden***
Grenwillow (PS-3: Illustrated) $15.00
[ISBN 0-688-14692-9]

Miss Emma is a neighbor who lets her garden grow any crazy way it wants. There are dandelions, foam flowers, wild blue phlox and wild animals. Miss Emma points out all kinds of wonderful things happening in the garden to her young friend: deer eating flower buds, rabbits nibbling the wild ginger, a woodchuck and her baby eating the sweet cicely, birds nesting, a lizard sunning on a rock, butterflies and bees sipping blossom nectar and a toad hiding in the forget-me-nots beside the creek. The young girl values her friendship with Miss Emma. Miss Emma is portrayed as active and capable. Illustrates intergenerational sharing and caring. Everyone wants a friend like Miss Emma and to be like her when they are older.

Hoffman, Mary (1991/1998). ***Amazing Grace***
Dial (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.99/$6.99
[ISBN 0-8037-1040-2/ISBN 0-8037-2297-4]

Grace is a young black girl who loves acting. Her class at school plans to do the play *Peter Pan* and Grace wants to try out for the title role. Some of her classmates discourage her, but her grandmother tells her that she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it. With the support and encouragement of her grandmother, Grace auditions for the part and everyone in the class votes for her. This book portrays the grandmother as capable, sensitive, and an integral part of the family. It shows how old and young enjoying each other and learning from each other. [Waldenbooks Best Children's Book Award].

Howard, Elizabeth (1991/1998). ***Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)***
Clarion (PS-2: Picture Book) $15.95/$6.95
[ISBN 0-395-54682-6/0-395-72077-X]

On Sunday afternoons Sarah and her sister, Susan, go to see Great-great Aunt Flossie. Aunt Flossie greets them at the door and offers them tea, cookies, and crab cakes later. They love Aunt Flossie's house, especially the hats. Aunt Flossie tells the girls the stories about her hats. This beautifully illustrated book shows an older person as an important part of the family, and portrays old and young enjoying each other.

Hurd, Edith (1982). ***I Dance in My Red Pajamas***
Harper Childrens (PS-3: Picture Book) $11.89
[ISBN 0-06-022700-1]

Jenny loves her visits with her grandparents. Her parents tell her that grandma and grandpa want peace, quiet and tranquility, but Jenny knows differently. No one is better at jumping and stomping than grandfather--especially when he dances with Jenny in her red pajamas. Grandmother is a wonderful cook and knows more about cats than anyone. When grandfather tucks her into bed he tells Jenny: "Oh what a beautiful, lovely, noisy day". Illustrates similarities between young and old, elders are portrayed as active and vibrant and as integral members of the family.

Hutchins, Pat (1983). ***You'll Soon Grow Into Them Titch***
Mulberry Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $4.85
[ISBN 0-688-11507-1]

When Titch outgrows his clothes he receives hand-me-downs from his brother and sister that are usually too big for him. They tell him that soon he will grow into them. One day mom buys Titch some brand new clothes and when he outgrows them he is able to hand them down to someone else. The story helps to show children that they are growing up and growing older. All of them can talk about things they have outgrown, how they are growing.

Johnson, Angela (1990/1993). ***When I am Old With You***
Orchard Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $15.95/$6.95
[ISBN 0-531-05884-0/ISBN 0-531-070345-2]

A young boy shares enjoyable times with his grandfather and talks about what they will do "When I am old with you". The story is full of love and family history. It can help children to see that they too will someday be old, and helps them to think of activities they would like to do when they are older.

Kesselman, Wendy (1993). ***Emma***
Dell (PS-3: Picture Book) $5.99
[ISBN 0-440-40847-4]

Motivated by a birthday gift a 72-year-old woman begins to paint. Children enjoy drawing and painting; a similar interest between children and elders. This delightful book illustrates the creativity of older people.

Levinson, Rikki (1992). ***I Go With My Family To Grandma's.***
Puffin (PS-1: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 014-054762-2]

Around the turn of the century five New York cousins go to visit grandma. They all take different routes to get there. Grandma's house is full of joy and loving times. There are few words in this book and children can be asked to help explain the story through the excellent, intergenerational pictures. This book portrays old and young enjoying and caring for each other.

Lyons, Marty (1997). ***Catching the Fire, Philip Simmons, Blacksmith***
Houghton Mifflin (K-3: Picture Book) $16.00
[ISBN 0-395-72033-8]

This book tells the true story of Philip Simmons, an African-American blacksmith. Mr. Simmons was born on June 9, 1912 and lived in the Charleston, South Carolina area. He became a blacksmith at the age of 13. He was a wonderful artist and became famous for his ornamental wrought iron creations. Although he officially retired in 1987 he never really retired. Mr. Simmons continued to teach and create beautiful artwork throughout his life. A wonderful story based on a productive life. A role model for growing up, growing older and making a difference in the world.

Martin, Bill Jr. & Archambault, John (1995). ***Knots on a Counting Rope***
Henry Holt Books for Young Readers (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-8050-0571-4]

An American Indian boy sits by the fire with his grandfather. The boy is blind and he asks him to once again tell him the story of his life. Each time the story is told the grandfather ties a knot in the "counting rope". Through the telling of the story the grandfather has helped the boy become strong, capable, and independent in spite of his blindness. This wise grandfather has had a profound and positive influence on the boy's life.

Martin, Jacqueline (1992). ***Good Times on Grandfather Mountain***
Orchard Books (PS-1: Picture Book) $15.95/6.95
[ISBN 0-531-05977-4/ISBN 0-531-07087]

Washburn is an older man who always looks on the bright side of things. He is a fine fiddler and whittler. He can whittle a fiddle out of a log or a spider out of a stick of wood. During the story his cow, pigs and chickens run off and other mishaps occur. Amazingly enough, everything gets back to normal. Young children delight in hearing all the things that happened to Washburn. Shows an active, capable older person with a positive outlook on life.

Martin, Jacqueline (1998). ***Snowflake Bentley***
Houghton Mifflin (2-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-395-66162]

Wilson Bentley was born on February 9, 1865 in Jericho, Vermont. This is a true story about the life of this self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes to study their unique formations. Colleges and universities bought copies of Bentley's photographs and his photos inspired artists and designers and these photographs are still used today. It was Bentley who determined that each snowflake is different. The story follows Bentley from childhood through adulthood. His book *Snow Crystals* has become a classic. This story shows a lifetime of accomplishment, creativity and activity. It serves as a role model for successful growing up and growing older.

McCain, Becky (1998). ***Grandmother's Dreamcatcher***
Whitman (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-8075-3031-X]

Kimmy stays with her Chippewa grandmother while her parents look for a new home. Gradmother teachers her to make a dreamcatcher to keep nightmares away and comfort her during the night. The dreamcatcher helps to ease Kimmy's move to her new home. Illustrates intergenerational learning, sharing and caring.

McCleery, Patsy (1988). ***The Turtle Lady***
Texas Graphic Interests (1-3: Illustrated) $5.95
[ISBN 0-9150101-3]

This is the true story of Ila Loetscher known as "The Turtle Lady". Mrs. Loetscher lives on South Padre Island in Texas and takes care of sick and injured sea turtles. She also teaches people about the endangered sea turtles. She has helped to save the turtles from extinction. Mrs. Loetscher is a legend in her own time. Her story helps to show children that older people can be vital and contributing members of society.

Mills, Claudia (1999). ***Gus and Grandpa and the Two-Wheeled Bike***
Farrar, Staus & Giroux (PS-3: Picture Book) $13.00
[ISBN 0-374-32821-8]

Gus and grandpa fix up Gus's fathers old bike. Grandpa demonstrates how to ride the bike and tells Gus "Once you learn to ride a bike, you never forget". With grandpa's help Gus learns to ride the bike without training wheels. A good time is had by all. Shows grandpa as caring, capable and active.

Mitchell, Margaree (1997). ***Grandaddy's Gift***
Bridgewater Paperback (1-3: Illustrated) $5.95
[ISBN 0-8167-4011-9]

A young African-American girl grew up with her grandparents on a farm in Mississippi. The girl loves and respects her grandaddy Joe. She follows him everywhere and is nicknamed "Little Joe." Grandaddy teaches the girl the importance of education, the right to vote, and voting. He shows her the importance of stnding up for what you believe in, even in the face of adversity. Some interesting history on segregation in the U.S. is presented. Story discussed the problems that her grandfather had when he tried to register to vote. Shows an active capable elder respected by his family and community. The story also addresses some significant points in American history and civil rights.

Mitchell, Margaree (1998). ***Uncle Jed's Barbershop***
Simon and Schuster (PS-3: Picture Book). $5.99
[ISBN 0-689-81913-7]

Everyone has a favorite relative and for Sarah Jean its her Uncle Jed. Jedediah Johnson was the only black barber in the county. Every Wednesday night he would ride over to Sarah Jean's house on his horse to give her daddy a haircut and a shave. Uncle Jed had a dream of opening up his own barber shop. However, a number of setbacks like paying for an operation for Sarah Jean and the Great Depression keep Uncle Jed from achieving his dream. He finally opened up his shop on his seventy-ninth birthday. Parts of our countries history such as the Great Depression and segregation are discussed. The story is based on the life and dreams of the author's grandfather. [Coretta Scott King Award]

Mora, Pat (1997). ***A Birthday Basket for Tia***
Simon and Schuster Children's (PS-1: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 0-689-81328-7]

Cecilia is a young Mexican-American girl. She has many happy memories of special times with her great-aunt Tia and gives her a surprise birthday party and special birthday present for her 90th birthday. A loving intergenerational relationship. Let's children see the prospect of a long, productive life.

Moore, Elaine (1994). ***Grandma's Garden***
Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books (PS-3: Illustrated) $15.00
[ISBN 0-688-08963-4]

Kim goes to her grandmothers in the spring and helps grandma "wake her garden." Grandma supervises putting in the garden and teaches Kim about gardening. They plant together, make a scarecrow and fly kites. Grandma is portrayed as fun to be with active and knowledgeable. Illustrates intergenerational learning.

Moore, Floyd (1995). ***I Gave Thomas Edison My Sandwich***
Albert Whitman (1-3: Illustrated) $14.95
[ISBN 0-8075-3504-4]

Floyd Thompson was born in 1908 in Iron City, Tennessee. When he was a little boy celebrity trains often came to town. A train came to his town with President Taft, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison on it. In real life Floyd actually talked to Thomas Edison, and in the story he gives him his sandwich. An interesting story that illustrates past history, famous elders, and growing up and growing older. Leads into a discussion of older leaders and famous elders.

Neasi, Barbara (1986). ***Listen to Me***
Rookie Reader (PS-2: Picture Book) $4.95
[ISBN 0-516-42072-0]

When others are too busy grandmother is there to listen. Multicultural representation of older people. Illustrates a reciprocal relationship of sharing and caring.

Olson, Arielle (1990). ***Hurry Home, Grandma!***
Dutton Children's Books (PS-3: Picture Book) $3.95
[ISBN 525-44650-8]

Timothy and Melinda anxiously anticipate their explorer grandmother's arrival for Christmas as she rushes through various adventures to make it home in time. Some of these adventures include flying a plane and grandmother involved in many nontraditional activities. Can lead into a discussion of what children would like to do as older people.

Oppenheim, Shulamith (1990). ***Waiting for Noah***
Harper Children's Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $12.95
[ISBN 0-06-024633-2]

Noah's grandmother tells him the story of all the things she did the day of his birth. She made plans that day for things they would do together like walking in the woods, biking and reading. A story of love, caring and sharing.

Oppenheim, Shulamith (1994). ***Fireflies for Nathan***
Tambourine Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $16.00
[ISBN 0-688-1214-70]

Nathan and his grandparents catch fireflies together at their rural home, just as Nathan's father did when he was a boy. An intergenerational story that depicts active, interesting grandparents.

Oxenbury, Helen (1993). ***Grandma And Grandpa***
Puffin (PS-1: Picture Book) $3.99
[ISBN 0-14-054978-1]

A small girl tells about all the good times that she has during her weekly visits to her grandparent's house. Illustrates a warm and loving relationship between grandparents and grandchildren.

Oxenbury, Helen (1981). ***Family***
Simon and Schuster Children's (PS-1: Picture Book) $4.95
[ISBN 0-671-42110-7]

This book looks at the different members in a family. There is one picture and one word on each page. The family members include grandmother and grandfather. This book can be used to begin a discussion of older people and their roles in the family.

Pellegrino, Marjorie (2000). ***My Grandma's the Mayor***
Magination Press (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.95
[ISBN 1-555798-608-8]

Annie is very proud of her grandmother when she gets elected mayor but then things change as she starts to realize that grandma now has to spend a lot of time being mayor. Grandma and Annie finally work this out. This is one of the few books that shows an elder as a leader in the community. It shares a lot with children about the leadership role elders can play as well as what goes on in the community.

Pittman, Helena (1993). ***Once When I Was Scared***
Dutton (PS-2: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 0-14-054932-3]

Grandfather talks to his grandson about when he was a little boy growing up in a mountain cabin. One time, he recalls, the stove went out and he had to get coals from the neighbors to restart it. Going to the "neighbors" meant going a long way across hills and through the woods. He helps the grandson learn about what life was like when he was young.

Polacco, Patricia (1997). ***Thunder Cake***
Putnam (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.95/$5.99
[ISBN 0-399-22231-6/ISBN 0-678-11581-3]

A grandmother helps her granddaughter overcome her fear of thunderstorms. When the grandmother senses that a storm is coming she announces it is "Thunder Cake" baking weather. To be a real Thunder Cake it needs to be in the oven before the storm comes. Grandmother and granddaughter make the cake together. An independent, capable and enjoyable grandmother emerges from this beautifully illustrated text.

Ricklen, Neil (1998). ***Grandpa And Me***
Simon and Schuster Children's (PS-K: Picture Book) $4.99
[ISBN 0-689-81549-2]

This book features beautiful, up-to-date photographs of young children and their grandparents. There is one word per page, and each page shows the young children doing something with their grandparents such as cooking, crying, counting and hugging. The book helps to illustrate how old and young are similar, enjoy each other and learn from one another.

Rylant, Cynthia (1982). ***When I Was Young In The Mountains***
Dutton (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.99/$3.99
[ISBN 0-525-42525-X/ISBN 0-525-44198-0]

The story is a reminiscence of the pleasures of childhood in the Appalachian Mountains. Although elders are not main characters, they appear in a variety of roles and are integrated into family and community life throughout the text.

Rylant, Cynthia (1985). ***The Relatives Came***
Bradbury (PS-2: Picture Book) $16.00
[ISBN 0-02-777220-9]

The relatives come from Virginia to visit and have a wonderful time. Elders are integrated throughout the text. The book illustrates family relationships, allows discussion of generations, shows older people in a variety of situations.

Rylant, Cynthia (1987). ***This Year's Garden***
Simon and Schuster Children's (PS-3: Picture Book) $4.95
[ISBN 0-689-71122-0]

This book shows the seasons of the year as reflected in the family garden. This is a large family and family members are portrayed in a variety of roles. Grandmother does a lot of the canning of garden products and is seen as contributing to family life.

Schwartz, Amy (1998). ***Oma And Bobo***
Simon & Schuster Children's (PS-2: Picture Book) $5.99
[ISBN 0-689-821115-8]

Alice gets a dog "Bobo" for her birthday much to her grandmother's dismay. Alice and Bobo go to dog obedience school. Grandmother starts to like Bobo and surprises Alice when she helps Bobo win a blue ribbon at the dog show. An active grandmother who is loved by her granddaughter.

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Schwartz, David (1991). ***Supergrandpa***
Mulbery Books (1-3: Illustrated) $4.95
[ISBN 0-688-16296-7]

This book is actually based on the story of 66 years old Gustaf Hakansson who defied the judges and rode a 1.094 mile bicycle race in Sweden. Cycling day and night, Gustaf did indeed finish first. A little girl who saw him along the route named him "supergrandpa." Gustaf's race shattered aging stereotypes and captured the hearts and adoration of his country. He became a national hero. There are so few children's books that really tell a story about an elder. This one is inspirational. Illustrates an active, capable elder. Helps children to see activities they can do throughout life "lifespan" activities.

Scott, Blackie (1992). ***It's Fun At Grandmother's House***
Peachtree Publishers (PS-3: Picture Book) $8.95
[ISBN 0-932419-01]

Contrasts daily events in a young girl's life at her house and at her grandmother's home. Grandmother's house provides a wonderful time for the young girl, and it is obvious that they share a special love. The illustrations are very contemporary and not age stereotypic.

Slier, Debby (1992). ***Me and My Grandpa***
Checkerboard Press (PS: Picture Book) $2.95
[ISBN 1-56288-182-5]
Slier, Debby (1992). ***Me and My Grandma***
Checkerboard Press (PS: Picture Book) $2.95
[ISBN 1-56288-183-3]

Pocket-sized, wipe clean books that talk about young children's activities with grandpa and grandma. Delightful pictures. Shows old and young enjoying one another.

Steel, Danielle (1989). ***Max And The Baby-Sitter***
Delacorte Press (PS-2: Picture Book) $8.95
[ISBN 0-385-29796-3]

Max has a baby-sitter, Jean, when his parents are at work. Jean is an older woman who takes care of a number of young children. She reads to the children and they make puppets of paper-maché and gifts for their parents. Max likes having Jean as a sitter. Jean is shown to be a capable, loving, trustworthy person. This book also shows the children an older adult who is working.

Stolz, Mary (1990). ***Storm In The Night***
Harper and Row (K-3: Picture Book) $5.95
[ISBN 0-06-443256-4]

Thomas and his grandfather are together during a thunderstorm and the lights go off. Grandfather tells Thomas a story about when he was young. During the storm Thomas discovers amazing things, such as the fact that he can hear better in the dark. The story portrays a wise and sensitive grandfather and shows old and young enjoying and learning from each other.

Thomasie, Tynia (1996). ***Mimi's Tutu***
Scholastic (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.95
[ISBN 0-614-15759-5]

Mimi's grandmother and aunts make her a traditional African tutu for her mother's African dance class, and she learns that her own lapa skirt has a special significance. Illustrates intergenerational sharing, culture and family history.

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Thomson, Pat (1987). ***Can You Hear Me, Granddad?***
BDD Books for Young Readers (PS-3: Picture Book) $2.50
[ISBN 0-440-40025-2]

When the young granddaughter talks to her grandfather as they visit the zoo, he pretends not to hear well and mixes up her words. A good time is had by all.

Tsubakiyama, Margaret (1999). ***Mei-Mei Loves the Morning***
Albert Whitman (PS-3: Picture Book) $15.95
[ISBN 0-8075-5039-6]

The story is set in contemporary China about Mei-Mei and her grandfather. Mei-Mei loves the morning because she and grandpa do wonderful things together. Mei-Mei uncovers the bird cage. Grandpa cooks breakfast and the two of them go on grandpa's bicycle for a ride in the city. In the city they shop, visit friends and do tai-chi. Shows elders as active and contributing members of their families and communities.

Tusa, Tricia (1987). ***Maebelle's Suitcase***
Aladdin Paperbacks (K-2: Picture Book) $5.99
[ISBN 0-689-71444-0]

One hundred and eight year old Maebelle has a lot of hats and every year she makes a hat for the town's annual hat contents. With the help of one of her bird friends, Blinkie, Maebelle makes an interesting hat for the contest and helps Blinkie in the process. Children will find the story amusing. It also illustrates the fact that people are living longer than ever before. One of the few books where the main character is a centenarian.

Weatherford, Carole (1996). ***Grandma and Me***
Black Butterfly Children's Books (PS: Picture Book) $5.95
[ISBN 0-86316-252-5]

A young girl describes her grandma. Grandma has a smile as bright as a sunny day, laughs and plays, reads stories and rocks you to sleep. A loving portrayal of a grandparent and a caring intergenerational relationship

Wild, Margaret (1998). ***Our Granny***
Houghton Mifflin (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.95/$5.95
[ISBN 0-395-67023-3/ISBN 0-395-88395-4]

Not all grandmothers are the same. This book celebrates differences of all sorts and affirms the love children feel for their special granny.

Winslow, Audrey (1997). ***My Grandma Says***
Art-Print Publishing Company (PS-K: Picture Book) $5.95
[ISBN 1-880218-28-3]

Wise words from grandma echo throughout the book and there is a chance for young readers to interact with the text as they are asked questions. The interactive nature is a nice feature and lets children think about their own grandparents and experiences with elders.

Zolotow, Charlotte (1972). ***William's Doll***
Harper (PS-3: Picture Book) $14.95/$4.95
[ISBN 0-06-027047-0/ISBN 0-06-443067-7]

William wanted a doll, but instead his father gave him a basketball and a train set. This did not make William want a doll any less. His grandmother gets him a doll so that when he grows up he will know how to be a father. Grandmother shows sensitivity, wisdom and understanding.

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Zolotow, Charlotte (1992). ***I Know A Lady***
Mulberry/Morrow (PS-2: Picture Book) $4.95
[IISBN 0-688-11519-5]

Children should all know an older person like the one in this book. She works in a garden, takes walks with her dog, gives out candy apples at Halloween, bakes cookies, and waves to the children as they pass by her house. She is a woman who makes others feel special, and is someone people always remember. The book illustrates how old and young can enjoy each other, do for each other and learn from each other.

Zolotow, Charlotte & Lobel, Anita (1992). ***This Quiet Lady***
Greenwillow (PS-1: Picture Book) $14.00
[ISBN 0-688-09305-1]

This book portrays the authors mother from infancy through adulthood. It provides an excellent starting point for a discussion of growing up and growing older and family history.

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SOME FAVORITES TO START WITH

There are so many wonderful books on the booklist that it is hard to choose. A number of "favorites" have gone out-of-print over the years. Some favorite OOPS (out-of-print stories) follow this listing.

Ackerman, Karen (1988). ***Song and Dance Man*** [ISBN: 0-394-89330-1] $15.00
Braumbeau, Jeff (2000). ***The Quiltmaker's Gift*** [ISBN 1-57025-199-1] $17.95
Bunting, Eve (1999). ***Butterfly House*** [ISBN 0-590-84884-4] $15.95
Crews, Donald(1991). ***Bigmama's*** [ISBN 0-688-09950-5/ISBN 0-685-64817-6] $16.00/$3.95
Demas, Corrine (2000). ***The Disappearing Island*** [ISBN 0-689-80539-X] $16.00
Douglass, Barbara (1989). ***Good as New*** [ISBN 0-688-08739-6] $3.95
Gilman, Phoebe (1992). ***Something From Nothing*** [ISBN 0-590-47280-1] $15.95
Gray, Libba Moore (1993). ***Miss Tizzy*** [ISBN 0-671-77590-1/ISBN 0-689-81897-1] $15.00/$5.99
Hoffman, Mary (1991/1998). ***Amazing Grace*** [ISBN 0-8037-1040-2/ISBN 0-8037-2297-4] $15.99/$6.99
McCain, Becky (1998). ***Grandmother's Dreamcatcher*** [ISBN 0-8075-3031-X] $15.95
Mitchell, Margaree (1997). ***Grandaddy's Gift*** [ISBN 0-8167-4011-9] $5.95
Schwartz, David (1991). ***Supergrandpa*** [ISBN 0-688-16296-7] $4.95
Zolotow, Charlotte (1992). ***I Know A Lady*** [ISBN 0-688-11519-5] $4.95
Zolotow, Charlotte (1992). ***This Quiet Lady*** [ISBN 0-688-09305-1] $14.00

OOPS (Out of Print Stories)

These are some wonderful OOPS. OOPS is a rather appropriate word because it is sad to realize that these books are no longer readily available for your use. My all time favorite book *Miss Rumphius* (Cooney) has now gone out of print. The books listed here are all wonderful. Please look for them at your local library or used book store.

Bornstein, Ruth (1990). ***A Beautiful Seashell***
Harper & Row (PS-1: Picture Book) $12.95
[ISBN 0-06-020594-6]

A great-grandmother shares memories of her childhood with Rosie, her great-granddaughter. She tells Rosie about living in another country on a hill near the sea. She tells of the ships, the fog, the seagulls, and a beautiful seashell that she once found. At the end of the story great-grandmother goes into her black trunk and gives Rosie her treasured seashell. A good intergenerational story with sharing and family history.

Cooney, Barbara (1985). ***Miss Rumphius***
Puffin (K-4: Picture Book) $5.99
[ISBN 0-14-050539-3]

As a little girl, Alice helped her grandfather who was an artist. Alice told her grandfather that when she grew up she wanted to go to faraway places and live beside the sea. Her grandfather said that there was one more thing she must do: "You must do something to make the world more beautiful". Alice grows up, becoming Miss Rumphius, and readily accomplishes the first two goals. How she accomplished the third makes the story interesting and heartwarming. At the end of the book Miss Rumphius is an older woman who shares her grandfather's message with the young children in the story as well as the young readers. A sensitive portrayal of aging and elders. This is a wonderful book that illustrates growing up and growing older, elders as active members of their communities and planning for later life.
[Winner of the American Book Award]

Denslow, Sharon (1990). ***At Taylor's Place***
Bradbury (PS-2: Picture Book) $13.95
[ISBN 0-02-728685-1]

Tory loves to see Taylor, her neighbor, at his farm. She works with him at his woodshop, and helps him feed the goats and fill the bird feeders. They complete a weathervane they have been working on and Taylor comments: "We make a great team." Taylor is independent and capable. The two characters are a reciprocal relationship of sharing, learning and caring.

Hest, Amy (1984). ***The Crack-of-Dawn Walkers***
MacMillan (PS-2: Picture Book) $11.95/$3.95
[ISBN 0-14-050829-5/ISBN 0-14-050289-5]

Sadie and her brother take turns going with their grandfather on Sunday morning for walks together. Sadie delights in this special time with her grandfather. They talk about the "old country," stop at a bake shop and sip cocoa. Later, as others rise from their beds they notice the two very different size sets of tracks left by the "crack-of-dawn" walkers.

Hest, Amy (1992). ***The Go-Between***
Four Winds Press (K-3: Picture Book) $14.95
[ISBN 0-02-743632-2]

A story about two older people who are fond of each other and marry. The granddaughter plays the "go between" role in the relationship. A fun story about love and caring.

Hilton, Nette (1990). ***The Long Red Scarf***
Carolrhoda Books (PS-2: Picture Book) $18.95/$5.95
[ISBN 0-87614-399-0/ISBN 0-87614-561-6]

Jake has a long blue scarf that helps to keep him warm when he and grandfather go fishing. Grandfather liked Jake's scarf and decides to ask Great Aunt Maude to knit him one in red. Aunt Maude is wonderful at farming and cleaning fish but said she can't knit a scarf. Grandfather asks Jake where he got his scarf and discovers that Jake knit it himself. Grandfather learns to knit himself a scarf. He enjoys knitting so much he knits things for others in the family. Portrays the grandfather as independent, active and creative, and engaged in a nontraditional activity "knitting".

Lasky, Kathryn (1988). ***Sea Swan***
MacMillan (1-3: Illustrated) $14.95
[ISBN 0-02-751700-4]

Elzibah Swan lived in the same house on Boston's Beacon Hill all her life. She keeps active and busy: going to the library and symphony concerts, gardening, and enjoying her grandchildren. On her seventy-fifth birthday she wants to do something "new," and decides to learn how to swim. Elzibah takes swimming lessons, snorkeling and water ballet. She loves swimming so much that she designs a wooden house to be built on the seashore and calls her new house "Sea Swan." The story integrates many generations into one text and illustrates how people can enjoy and learn throughout life.

Williams, Barbara (1975). ***Kevin's Grandma***
Puffin Books (PS-3: Picture Book) $9.25/$3.95
[ISBN 0-525-33115-8/ISBN 0-525-45039-4]

Kevin and his friend talk about their grandmothers. Kevin's grandmother likes MAD magazine, rides a Honda, arm wrestles, practices yoga and judo, belongs to mountain-climbing/scuba diving/karate clubs, fixes her own roof, goes skydiving, takes her grandchildren on trips and makes peanut butter soup. His friend's grandmother gives piano lessons, plays checkers with him, takes him to the ice cream parlor, belongs to bridge/garden/music clubs, keeps interesting scrapbooks, takes her grandchildren on trips, and volunteers her time. Both grandmothers are portrayed as interesting and help to illustrate to children a variety of activities older people can be involved in.

Williams, Vera (1993). ***A Chair For My Mother***
Morrow (K-3: Picture Book) $18.95/$4.95
[ISBN 0-688-12612-X/ISBN 0-688-13200-6]

A little girl, her mother and grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. This is a story of three generations living together and caring for each other.

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	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Always (2)
1. An older person plays a vital role in the story			
1. Older people are portrayed as healthy and independent			
2. The older person is active in the family			
3. The older person is active in the community			
4. The older person is a role model for growing up and growing older			
5. Intergenerational relationships are portrayed			
6. Overall, the story presents a positive portrayal of older people			
	Never (2)	Sometimes (1)	Always (0)
7. Stereotypic adjectives such as old, sad and poor are used			
8. Illustrations are age stereotypic			
9. Death, dying and disability are associated with older people			
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TOTAL _____

Books that score less than 0-10 are probably not good selections for promoting positive attitudes about aging with young children (zeroes are not good). Books that score in the "always (0)" category for #8, 9, or 10 should be very carefully looked at for the images they are portraying about elders.

Books that deal with death, dying and disability are likely to promote negative attitudes about aging with young children. These topics are not synonymous with aging. It is hard for young children to focus on the positive aspects of a book once these topics are introduced. Books that show young children elder heroes, elder role models, lifespan activities and help them to see their "elder within" are good choices.